



2009-2010 Influenza (Novel H1N1 and Seasonal Flu) and Pneumonia Information

Novel H1N1

1. [September 4, 2009 Letter to AHCCCS Providers](#)
2. **How to Pre-register to Receive the Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccines with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)**

Novel H1N1 Influenza vaccines may be available at the end of October through the Immunization Program Office of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). In preparation, ADHS is preregistering providers who may want to order and administer the vaccines. Attached are [vaccine distribution preregistration instructions](#), [preregistration form](#), and [vaccine distribution background](#) document prepared by ADHS. These documents can also be found at <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>.

You may pre-register electronically at <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm> or by downloading the attached preregistration form and faxing to Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3232. For additional information, call Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3895.

3. **Novel H1N1 Vaccine Administration Priority Population**

ACIP recommendations for novel H1N1 influenza vaccine target groups

There will eventually be enough novel H1N1 vaccine to give to everyone who wants a vaccine. However, at first, the vaccine should be given to those who are most likely to get sick and have serious complication. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that certain target groups receive the novel H1N1 influenza vaccine first. (See <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/acip.htm>) These recommended target groups are:

- Pregnant women

- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

In situations where vaccine is in limited quantities, ACIP recommends that the following groups receive the vaccine before others:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient care
- Children ages 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions.

Once the demand for vaccine for the prioritized groups has been met at the local level, providers should also begin vaccinating everyone from the ages of 25 through 64 years. Finally, once vaccine demand among younger age groups has been met, providers should offer vaccination to people 65 or older.

4. Coding Instruction for the Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Administration

The information below is current as of September 1, 2009, and will be updated as new or additional information is received from the AHCCCS Administration for HCA members and from CMS for HCG members.

For Health Choice Arizona (HCA) Members Only:

CPT-4 for the Novel H1N1 Influenza vaccine administration	ICD-9 code for the Novel H1N1 Influenza vaccine administration
90663 - H1N1 vaccine antigen	V04.81 (Note: 5th digit is mandatory.)
90740 – H1N1 vaccine administration	V73.89 is also accepted by AHCCCS.
Modifier is not required.	

For Health Choice Generations (HCG) Members Only:

CPT-4 for the Novel H1N1 Influenza	ICD-9 code for the Novel H1N1 Influenza
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vaccine administration	vaccine administration
G9141	V04.81
	Note: the 5th digit is mandatory.

5. [HCA Clinical Review Criteria \(CRC\) for Healthcare Providers Governing Prior Authorization of Antiviral Medications](#)

6. **Legal Protection for Providers Giving H1N1 Influenza Vaccine**

Under authority from the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary has issued a declaration that gives providers immunity from tort liability (except for willful misconduct) for claims of loss caused, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from administration or use of countermeasures to diseases, threats and conditions determined by the Secretary to constitute a present, or credible risk of a future public health emergency to entities and individuals involved in the development, manufacture, testing, distribution, administration, and use of such countermeasures such as the novel H1N1 influenza vaccine. More information is available at

www.hhs.gov/disasters/discussion/planners/prepact/index.html

7. **HCA Flu Clinics**

Use this link to find a Mollen Clinic location by zip code:

<http://www.mollen.com/>

8. **Resources**

Resources

The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI)

602-288-7568

Website

www.whyimmunize.org

Community Information and Referral Flu Hotline

Main Phone 602-263-8856
800-352-3752

Website Home Page

www.cir.org

Immunization Clinic Information

www.FluAZ.org

Arizona Immunization Program Office (AIPO)

Flu Distribution : 602-364-3645 Vaccines: 602-364-3630 Switchboard: 602-364-3630

Main Fax: 602-364-3285

VFC Fax: 602-364-3276

ASIS Fax: 602-364-3285

Tucson Fax: 520-770-3307

ASIS Hotline: 602-364-3899 or Toll-free 1-877-491-5741

VFC Tucson: 520-770-3101

Website Home Page

www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/index.htm

Vaccine For Children Program

www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/act_aipo.htm

Information for School & Childcare

www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/index_schchld.htm

Arizona State Information System

www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/index_schchld.htm

Centers for Disease Control And Prevention

For immunization information call the CDC info contact center at

(800) CDC INFO

(800) 232 4636

Fax:

770 488 4760

Website

<http://cdc.gov/>

Vaccine Information

<http://cdc.gov/vaccines/>

Flu Information

www.flu.gov

Did you know... You can have the latest Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) at your fingertips? Just add www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis to your web browser Favorites list or sign up for automatic notification of updates and you're only a click away!

Need information on vaccines for travelers?

www.cdc.gov/travel

Did you know... You can ASK THE EXPERTS? CDC has their experts available to YOU!

www.immunize.org/askexperts

Looking for MMWR? An electronic copy of the Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report is available at:

www.cdc.gov/mmwr

September 25, 2009 Update from Acting Director of ADHS:

Number of Doses Needed

H1N1 Vaccine Administration	Number of Doses Needed
• Children 9 years of age and under	Two (2) doses
• Children 10 through 17 years of age	One (1) dose
• Adults 18 years of age and older	One (1) dose

The National Institutes of Health stated this week that kids from 10 to 17 will only need 1n dose of H1N1 vaccine to get protection. Last week we learned that the same is true in health adults. Immune responses in children less than 9 were not as strong and more than likely, this group of children will need a booster to get full immunity. Here are the results that were discussed by the NIH this week: [Early Results: In Children, 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Works Like Seasonal Flu Vaccine](#)

Additional information about the NIAID-sponsored clinical trials in children is available in an Aug. 18 Bulletin: <http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/news/newsreleases/2009/H1N1pedvax.htm> and a Q&A: <http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/news/QA/qaH1N1pedvax.htm>. A detailed description of the trial protocol is at clinicaltrials.gov: <http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00944073>.

H1N1 Vaccine Distribution

We sat down with all of the county health officers, folks from the IHS and some tribal representatives this week to discuss the distribution of H1N1 vaccine this fall and winter. We reviewed the list of healthcare providers that have pre-registered to participate in the mass vaccination campaign and worked together to develop a tentative distribution plan among the more than 1600 providers that will be participating in the mass vaccination program.

The CDC expects us to be able to place our first orders for the 2009 H1N1 vaccine on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. At that time, CDC expects up to 3 million doses of live attenuated influenza vaccine (the nasal spray) to be available nationwide- which converts to 60,000 for AZ. Some injectable vaccine in 15 microgram pre-filled syringes licensed for use in children age 4 years and up may also be available for ordering next Wednesday.

During the first two weeks in October 2009, CDC anticipates that we will be able to place orders for the pre-filled syringes for kids, multi-dose vials, and additional nasal spray doses.

November 4, 2009 Update from The Arizona Immunization Partnership (TAPI):

Below are some helpful questions and answers (Q & A) regarding the 2009-2010 influenza season. For the most accurate and official information and updates check the state and county websites.

Q: Is my offices on the H1N1 vaccine distribution list?

A: Initially, the process for ordering H1N1 vaccine from the state health department ADHS included the following steps:

- Preregister as an interested provider
- Complete sent enrollment forms
- Sign the provider agreement
- Order vaccine

If your office completed the steps and all required documents were submitted, a confirmation email was sent from the state health department, ADHS. You should also be receiving weekly update emails.

The list of enrolled providers was sent to each county for the County Health Departments to prioritize the sites for vaccine delivery. If you received the confirmation email from the state but still have not received any H1N1 vaccine please call your local county health department. (List of numbers and websites attached)

*In Maricopa County your office should be receiving weekly emails from Dr. Bob England about vaccine supplies. If you haven't received any you may not be on the list. The messages go to the email address provided on the enrollment form check with your office staff to see if they are receiving the updates. The emails are posted at www.maricopa.gov/Public_Health/HotTopics/h1n1flu/resources.aspx.

If you signed a provider agreement and ordered vaccine but have not received a confirmation email or weekly email updates from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), please call 602.364.3630.

Preregistration is closed. If you did not enroll during preregistration but would like to receive H1N1 vaccine now, you will have another opportunity to enroll and order soon. Check the ADHS web site www.azdhs.gov for news on the reopening of provider enrollment for H1N1 vaccine.

Q: Why Am I Getting Calls to Offices for a Survey?

A: Some counties are calling offices weekly to survey how much vaccine they have left, how much vaccine is still needed, and how much each site is able to use per week. This is to help the county distribute the vaccine to the appropriate sites each week. Every county has to place orders with the distributor multiple times per week as the state allocations become available. Please take a few minutes to answer the call to make sure your office gets the correct amount of vaccine.

Q: What's the latest news regarding the Vaccine Delay?

A: The vaccine has been delayed significantly from the initial numbers given to Arizona Health Departments and is just trickling in to the Doctor offices and clinics. Most of the vaccine will not be shipped until the end of December and January. Small amounts will continue to come in weekly, but not nearly enough to immunize everyone. The majority of doses that were received first were FluMist. Most offices did not order FluMist, but some counties wanted to get vaccine to every site registered to at least cover their office staff and to offer household contacts vaccines to protect the kids ineligible for the mist. Other counties held public clinics to immunize healthy kids to try to prevent the spread, and will send the shots to the offices. Maricopa plans to follow the same plan that was devised earlier this year and ship most of the vaccine to

private offices while sending some to public and school based clinics to make sure the most vulnerable are protected and to stop the spread in schools. The school based clinics were postponed due to slow shipment of the vaccine from October 15th to November 2nd. The hope is that more vaccine will be available this week to cover those clinics. The majority of public clinics being held across the state are for high risk groups or healthy kids using LAIV.

Q: What is the General Vaccine Distribution Strategy?

A: After several meetings between public and private sector medical leadership regarding the optimum way to distribute the H1N1 vaccine for the maximum benefit of protection the following plan was established:

- Immunize healthcare workers to protect the healthcare delivery system
- Immunize high risk children in the medical home
- Immunize children under 5 in the medical home
- Immunize healthy kids over 5 in school based clinics to help prevent the spread
- Hold public clinics for people in high risk categories that don't have a medical home or have a doctor that chose not to order H1N1 vaccine.

Maricopa County 10/24/09 Public Clinic Summary

Last week Maricopa County held the first public clinics for the H1N1 flu vaccine in the Valley. This was a change to the vaccine distribution strategy they had been implementing, but was a necessary change to help diminish public panic. Scottsdale health Care had received 700 doses of the vaccine for their childhood immunization program and decided to hold a clinic for kids on Saturday. By Thursday it was apparent that 1000's of people were planning on lining up for the clinic as early as Friday, and that parents were overwhelming Doctor's office with demands for the vaccine. The county had just received a shipment of vaccine designated for the school based clinics and partnered with Mollen Clinics, Scottsdale Healthcare and CIGNA Medical Group to hold a one day clinic with locations across the Valley. Over 17,000 H1N1 flu immunizations were given to pregnant women and kids in a high risk category.

Q: Why do mass retail clinics have the vaccine when private providers don't?

A: The majority of H1N1 vaccine will be given in the private doctor's office, but an alternative process has to be developed for people that don't have an office to go to. Public clinics have been planned in each county for people in high risk categories that don't have a medical home or have a doctor that chose not to order H1N1 vaccine. Most county health departments have very few nurses on staff to administer large amounts of flu vaccine, and are relying on the traditional seasonal flu mass immunization companies. Some counties are contracting with the organizations to administer the shots to the public on behalf of the health department. The mass immunizers have the ability to give thousands of vaccines at one time and have the infrastructure to track and report shots given through follow up paperwork. Examples of groups that **may** hold public clinics on behalf of the counties are:

- CIGNA Medical Group
- Healthstyles
- Healthwaves
- Maxim Health
- Mollen Clinics

- Passport Health
- And others...

December 18, 2009 Update from CDC:

The supply of H1N1 vaccine has steadily increased and is now available to everyone – and everyone is encouraged to get it.

Until now, doses were reserved for [priority groups](#) in an effort to protect those who are most susceptible to the flu virus. Now the vaccine is widely available, and virtually every American has access to the vaccine. People in the priority groups are still encouraged to get vaccinated if they haven't already done so.

Seasonal Flu & Pneumonia

All Health Choice Providers are required to provide Seasonal Flu and Pneumonia Immunizations to their assigned Health Choice Arizona and Health Choice Generations members as part of their scope of practice. This is the perfect time to start talking with your patients about getting the flu shot, and anytime is appropriate to discuss the pneumonia vaccination with patients who qualify. AHCCCS [or the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program] and Medicare provide coverage for these vaccines and their administration. Under HCG Medicare Advantage, Influenza vaccination is a covered **Part B** benefit and is not covered under the part D (drug) benefit.

* For more detailed information on immunizations, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines

** To get immunization information by phone, call the **CDC Information Contact Center** at: (800) CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) and 888-232-6348 (TTY)

1. Who gets the Seasonal Flu vaccination (except where specific contraindications exist):

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); July 17, 2008

- All children age 6 months through 18 years of age should receive annual vaccine
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children age 0-59 months should be vaccinated against influenza; particularly for contacts of children 0-5 months.
- All women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season (December – March)
- All individuals 50 years and older
- Individuals age 5 to 49 where factors described by the CDC, AAP, and AAFP are present which place them at higher risk from influenza (i.e. chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems; those with cognitive, neurological, or neuromuscular disorders that can compromise respiratory function)
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions
- Adults and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year due to metabolic disease, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunodeficiency disorders
- Health care workers and/or persons who provide essential community services

2. Who gets the Pneumonia vaccination (except where specific contraindications exist):

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); July 17, 2008

- PCV is to be given to all children at 2, 4, 6, and between 12 to 15 months

- Administer 1 dose of PCV to all health children age 24-59 months having any incomplete schedule
- Administer PPV to children age 2 years and older who are at higher risk for contracting pneumococcal-related illnesses
- Administer PPV to individuals age 65 years and older (routinely given as a one-time dose; one-time revaccination is recommended 5 years later for persons at highest risk of fatal pneumococcal infection or rapid antibody loss AND for persons age 65 years and older if the first dose was given prior to age 65 and 5 years or more have elapsed since the previous dose)
- Administer PPV to individuals 5 to 64 years of age with chronic illnesses or other risk factors

3. EPSDT Age Members

- Vaccines are available for order from the Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) for children under 18 years of age
- Must bill with “SL” modifier to identify that the immunization is part of the VFC program
- Visit Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/>

PLEASE NOTE: Both the inactivated influenza (TIV) vaccine and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) can be used to reduce the risk for influenza. LAIV is approved for use among non-pregnant healthy people greater than 2 years of age. TIV vaccine is approved for persons aged ≥ 6 months, including those who are healthy and those with chronic medical conditions

4. HCA Flu Clinics

Use this link to find a Mollen Clinic location by zip code:

<http://www.mollen.com/>

Use this link to find a Maxim Health System’s Flu Clinic location by zip code

<http://www.findaflushot.com/>

5. Coding Instructions

Vaccines	Code Description	Corresp Diagnosis	HCA				HCG	
			VFC Aged Children through 18 y/o		Adults 19 y/o and older		Code for Vaccine Antigen	Code for Immunization Administration
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Influenza	90655- Influenza virus, vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age for intramuscular use	V04.81 or V04.89	N/A	90655-SL	90655	Bill with appropriate CPT immunization administration code	90655	G0008
Influenza	90656- Influenza virus, vaccine, split virus, preservative free for use in individuals 3 years and above, for intramuscular use	V04.81 or V04.89	N/A	90656-SL	90656	Same as above	90656	G0008
Influenza	90657- Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use	V04.81 or V04.89	N/A	90657-SL	90657	Same as above	90657	G0008
Influenza	90658- Influenza virus, vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use	V04.81 or V04.89	N/A	90658-SL	90658	Same as above	90658	G0008
Influenza	90660- Influenza virus vaccine, live, intranasal	V04.81 or V04.89	N/A	90660-SL	90660	Same as above	90660	G0008
Pneumococcal (PCV)	90669- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, when administered to children younger than 5 years, for intramuscular use	V03.82	N/A	90669-SL	90669	Same as above	90669	G0009

Vaccines	Code Description	Corresp Diagnosis	HCA				HCG	
			VFC Aged Children through 18 y/o		Adults 19 y/o and older		Code for Vaccine Antigen	Code for Immunization Administration
			Code for Vaccine Antigen	Code for Immunization Administration	Code for Vaccine Antigen	Code for Immunization Administration		
Pneumococcal (PPV)	90732- Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine (PPV), 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use	V03.82	N/A	90732-SL	90732	Same as above	90732	G0009
*Novel H1N1	90663- Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation	V04.81 for HCG; V04.81 or V73.89 for HCA	90663	90470	90663	90470	N/A	G9141

* Per *AHCCCS Influenza Season 2009, December Update*, CPT code 90470 (H1N1 immunization administration) is open as a covered service effective 9/28/09. Use of CPT code 90663 identifies the vaccine given when billed in conjunction with the administration code 90470. Please contact the HCA Provider Claims Educator at 480-760-4505 should you have any questions.